THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Out of 62.64 km of Balasore - Bhadrak stretch of National Highway-5, four laning of 35.66 km was already completed by the original Contractor before the contract was terminated due to slow pace of work. Balance work has since been re-awarded in November, 2008.

(b) Yes sir. There have been some complaints due to damages on the road surface during rainy seasons. The damages have been repaired promptly through Government of Orissa.

(c) The Balance work has since been re-awarded in November, 2008. The work is in progress and targeted for completion by December, 2010.

National Highways

†527. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated any policy for the development of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of lanes on the National Highways in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether Government is contemplating to increase the width of National Highways in these States; and

(e) if so, by when alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process and these are taken up to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions according to traffic density, *inter-se* priority of works and availability of funds.

(c) The lane-wise distribution of NHs in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are given below:

State	Single lane/ Intermediate lane (km.)	Two lanes (km.)	Four lanes and above (km.)
Madhya Pradesh	1,389	2,905	376
Chhattisgarh	593	1,537	54

(d) and (e) The details of initiatives taken for widening of NHs in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh under various phases of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) alongwith their target date of completion are given in the Statement (*See* below). In addition to

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these, works of widening of NHs to two lane standards have been sanctioned for total lengths of about 88 km and 31 km in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh respectively during 2008-09 for NHs entrusted with these State Governments. These works are targeted for completion by 2009-10 and 2010-11 for Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh respectively. Apart from these, the Annual Plan for 2008-09 also includes works for widening to two lane standards of about another 35 km and 57 in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh respectively.

Statement

Regarding National Highways

The details of initiatives taken for widening of National highways (NHs) in Madhya pradesh and Chhattisgarh under various phases of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) alongwith their target dates of completion

All lengths in km

Sl. No.	Phase of NHDP	Type of improvement	Total length	Completed length	Length under implemen-tation	Balance length for award	Target date of Completion
Madhya Pradesh							
1.	NHDP-I	Widening to Four lane	42	42	—	—	Completed
2.	NHDP-II	Widening to Four lane	611	215	396	—	In Phases from April, 2009 to December, 2010
3.	NHDP-III	Widening to Four lane	794.8	51	126	617.8	In Phases upto December, 2013
4.	NHDP-IV	Widening to two lane with Paved shoulder	657	—	—	657	December, 2013
5.	NHDP-V	Widening to six lane	45	—	—	45	December, 2012
Chhattisgarh							
1.	NHDP-III	Widening to four lane	178	—	127	51	In Phases upto December, 2013